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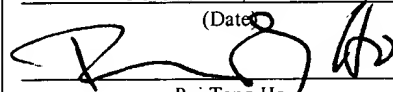
Applicants : Chad C. Smutney et al.
Appl. No. : 09/757,138
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For : BLUNTABLE NEEDLE ASSEMBLY
WITH OPEN-ENDED BLUNTING
PROBE
Examiner : Roz Ghafoorian

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to an Office Action mailed on July 22, 2003. A response is timely filed by October 22, 2003.

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